

Appendix E: Participant Direction of Services

[NOTE: Complete Appendix E only when the waiver provides for one or both of the participant direction opportunities specified below.]

Applicability (select one):

<input type="radio"/>	Yes. This waiver provides participant direction opportunities. Complete the remainder of the Appendix.
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	No. This waiver does not provide participant direction opportunities. Do not complete the remainder of the Appendix.

CMS urges states to afford all waiver participants the opportunity to direct their services. Participant direction of services includes the participant exercising decision-making authority over workers who provide services, a participant-managed budget or both. CMS will confer the Independence Plus designation when the waiver evidences a strong commitment to participant direction. Indicate whether Independence Plus designation is requested (select one):

<input type="radio"/>	Yes. The State requests that this waiver be considered for Independence Plus designation.
<input type="radio"/>	No. Independence Plus designation is not requested.

Appendix E-1: Overview

- a. **Description of Participant Direction.** In no more than two pages, provide an overview of the opportunities for participant direction in the waiver, including: (a) the nature of the opportunities afforded to participants; (b) how participants may take advantage of these opportunities; (c) the entities that support individuals who direct their services and the supports that they provide; and, (d) other relevant information about the waiver's approach to participant direction.

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- b. **Participant Direction Opportunities.** Specify the participant direction opportunities that are available in the waiver. *Select one:*

<input type="radio"/>	Participant – Employer Authority. As specified in <i>Appendix E-2, Item a</i> , the participant (or the participant's representative) has decision-making authority over workers who provide waiver services. The participant may function as the common law employer or the co-employer of workers. Supports and protections are available for participants who exercise this authority.
<input type="radio"/>	Participant – Budget Authority. As specified in <i>Appendix E-2, Item b</i> , the participant (or the participant's representative) has decision-making authority over a budget for waiver services. Supports and protections are available for participants who have authority over a budget.
<input type="radio"/>	Both Authorities. The waiver provides for both participant direction opportunities as specified in <i>Appendix E-2</i> . Supports and protections are available for participants who exercise these authorities.

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c. Availability of Participant Direction by Type of Living Arrangement. *Check each that applies:*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Participant direction opportunities are available to participants who live in their own private residence or the home of a family member.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Participant direction opportunities are available to individuals who reside in other living arrangements where services (regardless of funding source) are furnished to fewer than four persons unrelated to the proprietor.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The participant direction opportunities are available to persons in the following other living arrangements (<i>specify</i>):

d. Election of Participant Direction. Election of participant direction is subject to the following policy (*select one*):

<input type="radio"/>	Waiver is designed to support only individuals who want to direct their services.
<input type="radio"/>	The waiver is designed to afford every participant (or the participant's representative) the opportunity to elect to direct waiver services. Alternate service delivery methods are available for participants who decide not to direct their services.
<input type="radio"/>	The waiver is designed to offer participants (or their representatives) the opportunity to direct some or all of their services, subject to the following criteria specified by the State. Alternate service delivery methods are available for participants who decide not to direct their services or do not meet the criteria. <i>Specify the criteria:</i>

e. Information Furnished to Participant. Specify: (a) the information about participant direction opportunities (e.g., the benefits of participant direction, participant responsibilities, and potential liabilities) that is provided to the participant (or the participant's representative) to inform decision-making concerning the election of participant direction; (b) the entity or entities responsible for furnishing this information; and, (c) how and when this information is provided on a timely basis.

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f. Participant Direction by a Representative. Specify the State's policy concerning the direction of waiver services by a representative (*select one*):

<input type="radio"/>	The State does not provide for the direction of waiver services by a representative.	
<input type="radio"/>	The State provides for the direction of waiver services by a representative. Specify the representatives who may direct waiver services: (<i>check each that applies</i>):	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waiver services may be directed by a legal representative of the participant.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waiver services may be directed by a non-legal representative freely chosen by an adult participant. Specify the policies that apply regarding the direction of waiver services by participant-appointed representatives, including safeguards to ensure that the representative functions in the best interest of the participant:

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- g. Participant-Directed Services.** Specify the participant direction opportunity (or opportunities) available for each waiver service that is specified as participant-directed in Appendix C-3. *(Check the opportunity or opportunities available for each service):*

Participant-Directed Waiver Service	Employer Authority	Budget Authority
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- h. Financial Management Services.** Except in certain circumstances, financial management services are mandatory and integral to participant direction. A governmental entity and/or another third-party entity must perform necessary financial transactions on behalf of the waiver participant. *Select one:*

<input type="radio"/>	Yes. Financial Management Services are furnished through a third party entity. <i>(Complete item E-1-i).</i> Specify whether governmental and/or private entities furnish these services. <i>Check each that applies:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Governmental entities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private entities
<input type="radio"/>	No. Financial Management Services are not furnished. Standard Medicaid payment mechanisms are used. <i>Do not complete Item E-1-i.</i>

- i. Provision of Financial Management Services.** Financial management services (FMS) may be furnished as a waiver service or as an administrative activity. *Select one:*

<input type="radio"/>	FMS are covered as the waiver service entitled as specified in Appendix C-3.	
<input type="radio"/>	FMS are provided as an administrative activity. <i>Provide the following information:</i>	
<div style="background-color: black; width: 20px; height: 100%;"></div>	i. Types of Entities: Specify the types of entities that furnish FMS and the method of procuring these services:	
	ii. Payment for FMS. Specify how FMS entities are compensated for the administrative activities that they perform:	
	iii. Scope of FMS. Specify the scope of the supports that FMS entities provide <i>(check each that applies):</i>	
	<i>Supports furnished when the participant is the employer of direct support workers:</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Assist participant in verifying support worker citizenship status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Collect and process timesheets of support workers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Process payroll, withholding, filing and payment of applicable federal, state and local employment-related taxes and insurance	

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		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (<i>specify</i>):
		<i>Supports furnished when the participant exercises budget authority:</i>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintain a separate account for each participant's participant-directed budget
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Track and report participant funds, disbursements and the balance-of participant funds
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Process and pay invoices for goods and services approved in the service plan
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide participant with periodic reports of expenditures and the status of the participant-directed budget
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other services and supports (<i>specify</i>):
		<i>Additional functions/activities:</i>	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Execute and hold Medicaid provider agreements as authorized under a written agreement with the Medicaid agency
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Receive and disburse funds for the payment of participant-directed services under an agreement with the Medicaid agency or operating agency
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide other entities specified by the State with periodic reports of expenditures and the status of the participant-directed budget
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (<i>specify</i>):
iv.	Oversight of FMS Entities. Specify the methods that are employed to: (a) monitor and assess the performance of FMS entities, including ensuring the integrity of the financial transactions that they perform; (b) the entity (or entities) responsible for this monitoring; and, (c) how frequently performance is assessed.		

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- j. Information and Assistance in Support of Participant Direction.** In addition to financial management services, participant direction is facilitated when information and assistance are available to support participants in managing their services. These supports may be furnished by one or more entities, provided that there is no duplication. Specify the payment authority (or authorities) under which these supports are furnished and, where required, provide the additional information requested (*check each that applies*):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Case Management Activity. Information and assistance in support of participant direction are furnished as an element of Medicaid case management services. <i>Specify in detail the information and assistance that are furnished through case management for each participant direction opportunity under the waiver:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Waiver Service Coverage. Information and assistance in support of participant direction are provided through the waiver service coverage (s) specified in Appendix C-3 entitled:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Administrative Activity. Information and assistance in support of participant direction are furnished as an administrative activity. <i>Specify: (a) the types of entities that furnish these supports; (b) how the supports are procured and compensated; (c) describe in detail the supports that are furnished for each participant direction opportunity under the waiver; (d) the methods and frequency of assessing the performance of the entities that furnish these supports; and, (e) the entity or entities responsible for assessing performance:</i>

- k. Independent Advocacy** (*select one*).

<input type="radio"/>	Yes. Independent advocacy is available to participants who direct their services. <i>Describe the nature of this independent advocacy and how participants may access this advocacy:</i>
<input type="radio"/>	No. Arrangements have not been made for independent advocacy.

- l. Voluntary Termination of Participant Direction.** Describe how the State accommodates a participant who voluntarily terminates participant direction in order to receive services through an alternate service delivery method, including how the State assures continuity of services and participant health and welfare during the transition from participant direction:

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- m. Involuntary Termination of Participant Direction.** Specify the circumstances when the State will involuntarily terminate the use of participant direction and require the participant to receive provider-managed services instead, including how continuity of services and participant health and welfare is assured during the transition.

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- n. Goals for Participant Direction.** In the following table, provide the State's goals for each year that the waiver is in effect for the unduplicated number of waiver participants who are expected to elect each applicable participant direction opportunity. Annually, the State will report to CMS the number of participants who elect to direct their waiver services.

Table E-1-n		
	Employer Authority Only	Budget Authority Only or Budget Authority in Combination with Employer Authority
Waiver Year	Number of Participants	Number of Participants
Year 1		
Year 2		
Year 3		
Year 4 (renewal only)		
Year 5 (renewal only)		

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Appendix E-2: Opportunities for Participant-Direction

a. Participant – Employer Authority (Complete when the waiver offers the employer authority opportunity as indicated in Item E-1-b)

i. Participant Employer Status. Specify the participant's employer status under the waiver. *Check each that applies:*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Participant/Co-Employer. The participant (or the participant's representative) functions as the co-employer (managing employer) of workers who provide waiver services. An agency is the common law employer of participant-selected/recruited staff and performs necessary payroll and human resources functions. Supports are available to assist the participant in conducting employer-related functions. <i>Specify the types of agencies (a.k.a., "agencies with choice") that serve as co-employers of participant-selected staff:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Participant/Common Law Employer. The participant (or the participant's representative) is the common law employer of workers who provide waiver services. An IRS-approved Fiscal/Employer Agent functions as the participant's agent in performing payroll and other employer responsibilities that are required by federal and state law. Supports are available to assist the participant in conducting employer-related functions.

ii. Participant Decision Making Authority. The participant (or the participant's representative) has decision making authority over workers who provide waiver services. *Check the decision making authorities that participants exercise:*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Recruit staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	Refer staff to agency for hiring (co-employer)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Select staff from worker registry
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hire staff (common law employer)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify staff qualifications
<input type="checkbox"/>	Obtain criminal history and/or background investigation of staff. Specify how the costs of such investigations are compensated:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify additional staff qualifications based on participant needs and preferences so long as such qualifications are consistent with the qualifications specified in Appendix C-3.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine staff duties consistent with the service specifications in Appendix C-3.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine staff wages and benefits subject to applicable State limits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Schedule staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orient and instruct-staff in duties
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supervise staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evaluate staff performance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify time worked by staff and approve time sheets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discharge staff (common law employer)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discharge staff from providing services (co-employer)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (<i>specify</i>):

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b. Participant – Budget Authority (Complete when the waiver offers the budget authority opportunity as indicated in Item E-1-b)

- i. Participant Decision Making Authority.** When the participant has budget authority, indicate the decision-making authority that the participant may exercise over the budget. *Check all that apply:*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Reallocate funds among services included in the budget
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine the amount paid for services within the State's established limits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute service providers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Schedule the provision of services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify additional service provider qualifications consistent with the qualifications specified in Appendix C-3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specify how services are provided, consistent with the service specifications contained in Appendix C-3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify service providers and refer for provider enrollment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Authorize payment for waiver goods and services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review and approve provider invoices for services rendered
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (<i>specify</i>):

- ii. Participant-Directed Budget.** Describe in detail the method(s) that are used to establish the amount of the participant-directed budget for waiver goods and services over which the participant has authority, including how the method makes use of reliable cost estimating information and is applied consistently to each participant. Information about these method(s) must be made publicly available.

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- iii. Informing Participant of Budget Amount.** Describe how the State informs each participant of the amount of the participant-directed budget and the procedures by which the participant may request an adjustment in the budget amount.

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iv. Participant Exercise of Budget Flexibility. *Select one:*

<input type="radio"/>	The participant has the authority to modify the services included in the participant-directed budget without prior approval. Specify how changes in the participant-directed budget are documented, including updating the service plan. When prior review of changes is required in certain circumstances, describe the circumstances and specify the entity that reviews the proposed change:
<input type="radio"/>	Modifications to the participant-directed budget must be preceded by a change in the service plan.

v. Expenditure Safeguards. Describe the safeguards that have been established for the timely prevention of the premature depletion of the participant-directed budget or to address potential service delivery problems that may be associated with budget underutilization and the entity (or entities) responsible for implementing these safeguards:

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